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The Supply Management Center (SMC) in Giessen will cease operations

HEIDELBERG, Germany - The Installation Management Agency - Europe Region (IMA-EURO) will cease operations at the Supply Management Center (SMC) in Giessen on or about Sept. 30, 2007 in conjunction with the previously announced closure of the Giessen community.

Though previously announced in April 2003 as one of two elements that would continue operations at the Giessen General Depot, SMC, previously known as the Engineer Support Center, will be discontinued. The SMC has provided centralized furnishings management and contractual support for the acquisition, maintenance, repair, and disposition of furniture, appliances, food service equipment and other items throughout the Europe Region, but is no longer needed due to the impacts of the ongoing transformation of the Army in Europe.

As of 1 June 2006, there are 7 US civilian and 46 Local National civilian employees. IMA-EURO and USAREUR are extremely grateful for the service of these dedicated civilians and every effort will be made to place U.S. and local national employees into continuing positions.

IMA-EURO will continue to evaluate its structure and modify operations to meet the changing support requirements of USAREUR and the Army to ensure Soldiers and family members get the best support possible.

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